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## **Biography**

Metallica, Snoop Dog in 3D, The Red Hot Chilli Peppers, Usher, Katy Perry and Rihanna are just a few of the artists that Eugene has worked with in the last 12 months

He began his career in 1979 as a freelance news cameraman for RTE and over the following 10 years went on to become one of Ireland's most in demand Directors of Photography shooting commercials, dramas, documentary's, the Irish feature film "Guiltrip" and over 100 music videos before moving to London in 1990.

Hooking up with Directors such as Geoff Wonfor, Kevin Godley, Hamish Hamilton and Nick Wickham, Eugene quickly started to make a name for himself in the UK as DOP on many live concert and music promo shoots including Prince "Rave on to the year 2000" The Foo Fighters Live in Hyde Park, Paul McCartney's Liverpool Oratorio, The Rolling Stones Live at Shepherds Bush Empire and Madonna at Brixton Academy.

The White Room music series for Channel 4 was a breakthrough for Eugene as a Lighting Designer in the UK, he then went on to design many TV specials for BBC, ITV, MTV and PBS in the USA.

Comedy played a big part in Eugene's early UK career and was DOP of all 3 series of the classic comedy Fr Ted, plus The Armstrong and Miller Show and Jo Brand's Through The Cake Hole.

One of the many highlights for Eugene over the years was as DOP on The Beatles Anthology series which was produced by their own production company Apple Corps and was filmed over 3 years and brought in over 60 million viewers on its first broadcast in the US.

Over the years Eugene has worked extensively with MTV in England and all over Europe and has been involved as Lighting Designer for the OB stage for the EMAs (European Music Awards) Rome in 2009 with The Cure and Anastasia, Madrid in 2010 with Linkin Park and Katy Perry and Belfast last year with Jason Derulo and Snow Patrol.

In 2009 Eugene was nominated for a Canadian Gemini Award for his work as DOP on The Cowboy Junkies film "The Trinity Sessions Revisited"

With the emergence of 3D Eugene has been very much involved with Cinema and DVD releases for Joe Satriani, Pat Matheny, Snoop Dog, LMFAO, and Flamenco Hoy in Spain plus the Isle of Wight Festival all in 3D.

Most recent credits include David Guetta Live on Copacabana Beach New Year's Eve 2011, Rihanna Live at the 02 London, The Red Hot Chilli Peppers Cologne (live cinema release), Usher live in London, Coldplay in Barcelona and London, Deep Purple Verona and Harry Connick Jr live on Broadway.